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**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

**MAY 2010**

Red meat production in **Colorado** during May 2010 totaled 160.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from the 162.1 million pounds produced during May 2009 and 5 percent below April 2010. The accumulated production for the first five months of this year now totals 867.5 million pounds, up 4 percent from the 836.7 million pounds produced during the comparable period last year. Cattle kill during May increased 2 percent from the previous year to 201,500 head. The average live weight of 1,224 pounds was 37 pounds below the average for May 2009. Hog slaughter remained unchanged at 600 head and the average live weight decreased to 232 pounds, down 25 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 3.73 billion pounds in May, down 5 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in May 2009. Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 2 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was down 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,249 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 2 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 60,400 head, down 8 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 286 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.62 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.97 million head, down 6 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 3 percent from May 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 182,700 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 2 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2010 commercial red meat production was 19.7 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

**Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States <sup>1/</sup>**

Area and Specie	May 2009	Apr. 2010	May 2010	January-May	
				2009	2010
	<b>Million Pounds</b>				
<b>Colorado</b> .....	162.1	168.7	160.2	836.7	867.5
<b>United States</b> .....	3,919.5	4,012.9	3,731.7	20,143.6	19,680.1
Beef .....	2,179.4	2,140.1	2,087.9	10,560.8	10,478.9
Veal .....	10.3	11.1	10.1	56.6	55.7
Pork .....	1,716.8	1,848.8	1,621.0	9,455.9	9,077.2
Lamb & Mutton.....	13.0	13.0	12.6	70.3	68.3

<sup>1/</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

**2010 JUNE ACREAGE  
COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS**

Colorado **corn** producers planted 1,350,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 1,210,000 acres for grain up from the 990,000 acres harvested in 2009. This is an increase of 22 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and a 23 percent increase in planted acreage for all purposes. **Sorghum** plantings, at 210,000 acres, increased 17 percent from the previous year but acreage expected to be harvested for grain, at 140,000, decreased 7 percent. **Winter wheat** producers planted 2,450,000 acres down from 2,600,000 acres planted the previous year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 2,300,000 acres.

**Spring wheat** seedings, at 28,000 acres, are 2,000 acres less than a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 27,000 acres, down from 29,000 last year. **Oat** seedings are down 22 percent from last year to 47,000 acres and producers plan to harvest 5,000 acres for grain, down from 9,000 acres in 2009. **Barley** planted area, at 70,000 acres, is down 10 percent from last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 67,000, are 13 percent below 2009. **Proso millet** seedings are expected to total 190,000 acres this year, up 12 percent from 2009.

**All hay** area to be harvested is expected to increase 20,000 acres from a year ago to 1,620,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** acreage is expected to decrease 10,000 from last year to 840,000 acres. **All other hay** acreage harvested is expected to increase 30,000 acres to 780,000 acres.

**Sugarbeet** plantings decreased 6,100 acres from last year to 29,000 acres. The expected harvested area, at 28,000 acres, is 7,000 acres below last year. Acres planted to **dry beans**, at 55,000, are down 4 percent from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 51,000.

**All sunflower** planted area, at 115,000 acres, is 24,000 acres above last year. Oil type varieties totaled 80,000 acres, up 10,000 while non-oil type varieties are set at 35,000 acres, up 14,000. **Summer potatoes** showed a 3 percent increase in planted acres to 4,100 with the expected harvested acreage set at 4,000 acres.

**Planted and Harvested Acres,  
Colorado and United States, 2009-2010**

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres	
	2009	2010	2009	Intended 2010
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres	
<b>COLORADO:</b>				
All Corn 1/.....	1,100	1,350	990	1,210
All Sorghum 1/.....	180	210	150	140
All Wheat .....	2,630	2,478	2,479	2,327
Winter Wheat .....	2,600	2,450	2,450	2,300
Spring Wheat.....	30	28	29	27
Oats .....	60	47	9	5
Barley .....	78	70	77	67
Proso Millet.....	170	190	150	3/
All Hay .....	1/	1/	1,600	1,620
Alfalfa Hay.....	1/	1/	850	840
Other Hay.....	1/	1/	750	780
Sugarbeets .....	35.1	29.0	35.0	28.0
Dry edible beans.....	57.0	55.0	53.0	51.0
Sunflower, All .....	91.0	115.0	87.0	106.0
Oil .....	70.0	80.0	68.0	75.0
Non-Oil .....	21.0	35.0	19.0	31.0
Summer potatoes.....	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>				
All Corn 1/.....	86,482	87,872	79,590	81,005
All Sorghum 1/.....	6,633	6,000	5,520	5,176
All Wheat 2/.....	59,133	54,305	49,868	48,263
Winter Wheat .....	43,311	37,723	34,485	32,085
Spring Wheat.....	13,268	13,907	12,955	13,590
Oats .....	3,404	3,176	1,379	1,315
Barley .....	3,567	2,972	3,113	2,546
Rye .....	1,241	1,186	252	250
Proso Millet.....	350	385	293	3/
All Hay .....	1/	1/	59,755	59,656
Alfalfa Hay.....	1/	1/	21,227	20,732
Other Hay.....	1/	1/	38,528	38,924
Sugarbeets .....	1,185.8	1,184.7	1,148.6	1,146.4
Dry edible beans.....	1,537.5	1,742.3	1,463.0	1,670.1
Sunflower, All .....	2,030.0	2,093.0	1,953.5	2,011.3
Oil .....	1,698.0	1,652.0	1,653.0	1,596.5
Non-Oil .....	332.0	441.0	300.5	414.8
Summer potatoes.....	44.2	39.4	42.7	38.4
Soybeans .....	77,451	78,868	76,372	77,986

1/ Planted all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/ Includes Durum Wheat.

3/ To be released January 2011 in the Annual Crop Summary.

**UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS**

The 2010 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.9 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. The largest increases in planted acreage compared to last year are reported in Illinois and Kansas, both up 600,000 acres from 2009. Other notable increases were shown in Indiana, up 400,000 acres; Missouri, up 300,000 acres; and Ohio, up 250,000 acres. The largest decrease in planted acreage is reported in

Iowa, down 400,000 acres, while both Nebraska and South Dakota are down 350,000 acres from the previous year.

The 2010 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 37.7 million acres, down 13 percent from 2009 but up slightly from the previous estimate. Lower prices and the late row crop harvest contributed to the decrease. This is the lowest United States total since 1970 and record lows are estimated in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, and Ohio. Winter wheat seeded in Kansas is down 700,000 acres, 8 percent below 2009 and the lowest planted acres since 1957. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.1 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Despite large decreases in planted acres, harvested acres in Oklahoma and Texas are up 400,000 and 1.1 million acres, respectively, as both States have experienced more favorable growing conditions than a year ago. As of June 13, harvest was 9 percent complete in the major winter wheat-producing States, 3 points below the 5-year average.

**GRAIN STOCKS**

**JUNE 1, 2010**

All wheat stocks in **Colorado** as of June 1, 2010 totaled 18.60 million bushels, up 95 percent from one year earlier. Farm stocks increased to 4.8 million bushels from the 2.5 million bushels on-hand last year and off-farm stocks were up 96 percent to 13.80 million bushels. Corn stocks, at 30.44 million bushels, were down 9 percent from a year ago. Farm stocks were down to 16.0 million bushels but off-farm stocks were up 6 percent to 14.44 million bushels.

**Grain Stocks, Colorado and United States June 1, 2009-2010**

Grain and Position 1/	Colorado		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Bushels			
<b>All wheat</b>				
On farms.....	2,500	4,800	140,745	209,900
Off farms.....	7,040	13,795	515,760	763,492
Total.....	9,540	18,595	656,505	973,392
<b>Corn</b>				
On farms.....	20,000	16,000	2,205,400	2,131,400
Off farms.....	13,560	14,437	2,056,027	2,178,644
Total.....	33,560	30,437	4,261,427	4,310,044
<b>Barley</b>				
On farms.....	3/	3/	27,010	40,440
Off farms.....	2,900	5,830	61,723	74,701
Total.....	3/	3/	88,733	115,141
<b>Oats</b>				
On farms.....	3/	3/	17,480	17,600
Off farms.....	55	72	66,619	62,747
Total.....	3/	3/	84,099	80,347
<b>Sorghum</b>				
On farms.....	3/	3/	12,000	10,700
Off farms.....	370	283	90,215	77,154
Total.....	3/	3/	102,215	87,854
<b>Soybeans</b>				
On farms.....	2/	2/	226,300	232,600
Off farms.....	2/	2/	369,859	338,417
Total.....	2/	2/	596,159	571,017

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. 2/ Not estimated. 3/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Nationally, Corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2010 totaled 4.31 billion bushels, up 1 percent from June 1, 2009. Of the total stocks, 2.13 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.18 billion bushels, are up 6 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2010 indicated disappearance is 3.38 billion bushels, compared with 2.69 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2010 totaled 571 million bushels, down 4 percent from June 1, 2009. On-farm stocks totaled 233 million bushels, up 3 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 338 million bushels, are down 9 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2010 quarter totaled 699 million bushels, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2010 totaled 973 million bushels, up 48 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 210 million bushels, up 49 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 763 million bushels, are up 48 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2010 indicated disappearance is 383 million bushels, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES JUNE 15, 2010

**Colorado** wheat, at \$3.32 per bushel for mid-June 2010, decreased 66 cents from the previous month and was \$2.17 lower than June a year ago. Mid-June corn prices decreased 21 cents from May to \$3.24 per bushel and decreased 78 cents below June 2009. The mid-June potato price, at \$5.30 per cwt, was 5 cents above last month but was down \$2.25 per cwt below June a year ago. The alfalfa hay price, at \$125.00 per ton, remained unchanged from last month but was \$30.00 below a year ago. Other hay price, at \$120.00 per ton, increased \$5.00 from last month but remained unchanged from June a year ago. The mid-June steer and heifer price was \$4.00 below last month at \$100.00 per cwt but averaged \$8.00 above the \$92.00 per cwt a year ago. Cow prices were down \$1.50 from last month to \$62.00 per cwt but were \$13.00 per cwt above June 2009. Calf prices, at \$128.00 per cwt, increased \$1.00 from May and were \$16.00 higher than the \$112.00 per cwt received a year ago.

### Prices Received and Paid Summary United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2009		2010	
	May	June	May	June
	<b>Percent</b>			
Prices Received .....	130	133	141	139
Prices Paid .....	180	180	183	182
Ratio 1/ .....	72	74	77	76

1/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 139 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from May. The Crop Index is down 5 points (3.3 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1

point (0.8 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, onions, hogs, and wheat and higher prices for lettuce, milk, turkeys, and cucumbers. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloups offset decreased marketings of oranges, strawberries, cattle, and sweet corn.

### Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		June 2009	May 2010	June 2010
		<b>Dollars</b>		
<b>Crops</b>				
Wheat .....	Bu.	5.49	3.98	3.32
Corn .....	Bu.	4.02	3.45	3.24
Barley (All) .....	Bu.	2/	2/	2/
Potatoes .....	Cwt	7.55	5.25	5.30
Dry edible beans .....	Cwt	30.90	31.60	28.70
Alfalfa hay (baled) .....	Ton	155.00	125.00	125.00
Other hay (baled) .....	Ton	120.00	115.00	120.00
<b>Livestock &amp; Products .....</b>				
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt	91.10	103.00	99.20
Steers & heifers .....	Cwt	92.00	104.00	100.00
Cows .....	Cwt	49.00	63.50	62.00
Calves .....	Cwt	112.00	127.00	128.00
Sheep .....	Cwt	30.00	52.00	3/
Lambs .....	Cwt	103.00	128.00	3/
Milk sold to plants .....	Cwt	11.60	15.20	16.00
		<b>United States</b>		
		<b>Dollars</b>		
<b>Crops</b>				
Wheat .....	Bu.	5.72	4.33	3.80
Corn .....	Bu.	4.01	3.48	3.38
Soybeans .....	Bu.	11.40	9.41	9.39
Barley (All) .....	Bu.	4.70	4.25	3.63
Barley (Feed) .....	Bu.	3.16	2.49	2.75
Sorghum .....	Cwt	6.29	5.69	5.50
Potatoes .....	Cwt	9.48	8.57	8.28
Dry edible beans .....	Cwt	29.80	27.80	30.70
Alfalfa hay (baled) .....	Ton	128.00	121.00	119.00
Other hay (baled) .....	Ton	107.00	99.70	99.10
Onions .....	Cwt	18.00	43.90	30.30
<b>Livestock &amp; Products</b>				
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt	80.10	94.80	91.10
Steers & heifers .....	Cwt	84.90	99.70	95.70
Cows .....	Cwt	45.40	59.20	58.20
Calves .....	Cwt	109.00	122.00	121.00
Sheep .....	Cwt	28.90	46.10	3/
Lambs .....	Cwt	104.00	123.00	3/
Hogs .....	Cwt	43.30	62.10	57.70
Milk sold to plants .....	Cwt	11.30	15.10	15.80
Broilers .....	Lb.	0.51	0.51	0.51

1/ Prices received by farmers refer to prices at the point of first sale out of farmer's hands and should not be confused with prices of specific grades or classes of a particular agricultural commodity. They do not include direct government payments. 2/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 3/ Mid-month not estimated. 4/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

The United States food grains June index, at 133, is 15 percent below the previous month and 31 percent below a year ago. The United States June all wheat price, at \$3.80 per bushel, is down 53 cents from May and \$1.92 below June 2009. The corn price, at \$3.38 per bushel, is down 10 cents from last month and 63 cents below June 2009. The all hay price, at \$114 per ton, is down \$2.00 from May and down \$9.00 from

last June. The soybean price, at \$9.39 per bushel, decreased 2 cents from May and is \$2.01 below June 2009. The all potato price, at \$8.28 per cwt, is down 29 cents from May and \$1.20 from last June. The all dry bean price, at \$30.70 per cwt, is up \$2.90 from the previous month and 90 cents above June 2009. The June Livestock and Products Index, at 130, is 0.8 percent below last month but up 17 percent from June 2009. The June hog price, at \$57.70 per cwt, is down \$4.40 from May but \$14.40 higher than a year ago. The June beef cattle price of \$91.10 per cwt is down \$3.70 from last month but \$11.00 higher than June 2009. The June all milk price of \$15.80 per cwt is up 70 cents from last month and \$4.50 from June 2009.

## HOGS AND PIGS

**JUNE 1, 2010**

The June 1, 2010 inventory of all hogs and pigs in **Colorado** totaled 740,000 head, no change from a year earlier. The breeding inventory at 150,000 head, remained unchanged from last year, as was the market hog inventory at 590,000 head. During the December 2009 - May 2010 period, 142,000 sows farrowed, down 3 percent from a year ago. The number of pigs born during the period totaled 1.39 million, up 7 percent from a year earlier. The number of pigs per litter during the Dec - May time periods averaged 9.75 up from 8.80 pigs per litter a year earlier.

**Hogs and Pigs, June 1, 2009-2010**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
<b>1,000 Head</b>				
All Hogs & Pigs .....	740	740	66,809	64,400
Kept for breeding .....	150	150	5,968	5,778
Market .....	590	590	60,842	58,612
Under 50 lbs.....	280	280	19,554	18,879
50-119 lbs .....	125	100	17,838	16,877
120-179 lbs .....	70	85	12,604	12,279
180 lbs. & over .....	115	125	10,847	10,578
Sows Farrowed:				
Dec. 1/ thru Feb .....	75	71	3,011	2,901
Mar. thru May .....	72	71	3,018	2,875
Dec. thru May 2/ .....	147	142	6,029	5,776
Pig Crop:				
Dec. 1/ thru Feb .....	645	685	28,552	27,873
Mar. thru May .....	648	703	29,012	28,199
Dec. thru May 2/ .....	1,293	1,388	57,564	56,072

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**United States** inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2010 was 64.4 million head. This was down 4 percent from June 1, 2009 but up 1 percent from March 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was down 3 percent from last year but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.6 million head, was down 4 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2010 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down 3 percent from 2009 and down 2 percent from 2008. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, down 5 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.81 for the March-May 2010 period, compared to 9.61 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the June-August 2010 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008. Intended farrowings for September-November 2010, at 2.90 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2009 and down 4 percent from 2008. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 44 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, down from 46 percent last year.

## REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2009 through March 2010 were reviewed using slaughter, death loss and current import and export data. Based on this review, adjustments of less than one percent were made to the December 2009 total inventory and March 2010 total inventory. An adjustment of two percent was made to the September-November 2009 pig crop.

## UPCOMING REPORTS

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

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